

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 24, 2001**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Tate called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Present: Council Members Chang and Tate  
Late: Council Member Carr (arrived at 4:10 p.m.), Mayor Kennedy (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)  
Absent: Council Member Sellers

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Noella Tabladillo and Jessica Adams (Project Cornerstone); Gerry Hanson (Central High School); Quinn Kennett (Youth Advisory Committee); Denise Tate (Morgan Hill Unified School District); Julie Spier (City of Morgan Hill - Recreation Manager); Debbie Cupp (YMCA); Carey Sullivan (Morgan Hill Police Department); Renee Brown (South Valley Christian Theropisb); Lisa Ramos (Community Solutions); Adam Rust (Crossroads Christian Center); David Adams (Lighthouse); John Edwards (Lighthouse); Chris England (Youth Advisory Committee); Henk Marselis (YMCA); Lori Escabor (El Toro Youth Center); Akemi Flynn (Cornerstone Project); John Kennett (Morgan Hill Unified School District Trustee); Billy Lewis (Youth Advisory Committee); and Jonathon O'Malen (Youth Advisory Committee);

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Torrez certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

**WORKSHOP**

**1. IMPLEMENT 40 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Council Member Tate indicated that he would be facilitating this meeting and taking the lead in futuer meetings at the request of Mayor Kennedy. He indicated that this group met in May 2001 and that it was decided to reconvene the meeting in September 2001 in order to identify/implement a program that would include specific development assets.

Noella Tabladillo presented a brief overview of the Cornerstone Project and Jessica Adams addressed the current projects/programs in place.

The following issues/topics/suggestions were raised:

- ▶ Review program from youth's perspective
- ▶ Encourage School District and Businesses to partner and implement 40 developmental assets

- in programs
- ▶ Include Youth Advisory Committee Members in wider range planning of community facilities
- ▶ Identify programs underway or being planned and how development assets can be incorporated.
- ▶ City working with School District to shift Civics credit points for senior students to attend Youth Advisory Committee meetings versus City Council meetings.
- ▶ Developmental Assets is the framework that enhances ability to collaborate.
- ▶ Each organization should have mission and focus
- ▶ Review 40 developmental assets and determine which assets are of priority/importance to Morgan Hill.
- ▶ Important to show youth that they are valued by the community
- ▶ Consider 3-4 out reach programs at each school
- ▶ Non youth athletes being neglected
- ▶ Police Department and City Council need to visit and interact with youth at the Lighthouse.
- ▶ Focus on community-wide program that does not take away from existing programs while incorporating developmental assets.
- ▶ Important to set ground work and distribute information
- ▶ Conduct meetings that would lead to a summit, inviting youths from schools, including San Martin schools and the Boys Ranch.
- ▶ Make sure that appropriate activities are being considered and planned for youth.
- ▶ Youth are asset builders
- ▶ Consider presenting 40 developmental assets at school assembly so that every student becomes aware of them.
- ▶ Consider focus group meetings to lay ground work for a forum.
- ▶ Important to listen and not rush through the process
- ▶ Be careful for what you ask for as it may become an expectation.
- ▶ Important to engage and receive input.
- ▶ Evaluate existing programs.
- ▶ Important to understand and focus on diversity, breaking down fear.
- ▶ Target should be middle and high school students
- ▶ Recommended that all groups represented identify what is being done to build assets as a starting point.

The following successful programs were identified: El Toro Youth Center's "Parent Involvement Program;" YMCA implements programs to encourage care and honesty, instilling the developmental assets; Lighthouse's Friday night series; Youth Advisory Committee planning activities for teenagers (e.g., October 13 Skate Jam; Spring - Battle of the Bands); City's Recreation Programs (e.g., after school drop off program, remote recreational activities, Art ala Cart); city sponsorship of October 6 "Volunteer Clean Up Day;" Downtown Youth Mural; Lighthouse help youth with homework, job placement, parent involvement and counseling.

It was agreed to establish a focus group who would return to the Committee with a recommendation on how to move forward with developmental assets.

The Youth Health and Safety Subcommittee to consist of the following individuals: Council Member Tate; Council Member Carr; Noella Tabladillo, Cornerstone Project; Gerry Hanson, Central High

School; Debbie Cupp, YMCA; Carey Sullivan, Police Department; Adam Rust, Crossroads Christian; Lori Escobar, El Toro Youth; Therese Lugger, Morgan Hill Recreation; Ray Wolfe (YMCA); and Rod Murcray, Family First Baptist Church.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

### **MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:**

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**Irma Torrez, City Clerk**